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SUBJECT: THIRD SHERER MEETING WITH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR

DING BA THI

REF: (A) USUN 3518 (B) USUN 3604 (C) STATE 225421

1. AMB SHERER MET FOR THIRD TIME WITH VIETNAMESE OBSERVER
DING BA THI IN INDONESIAN LOUNGE AT THE UN. MEETING TOOK
PLACE AT 17:10 SEPTEMBER 11 AND LASTED 40 MINUTES.

2. SHERER INFORMED DING BA THI OF INFORMATION CONTAINED
PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF REFTEL C AND HANDED HIM RELEVANT QUESTION
AND ANSWER IN SECRETARY'S SEPT 11 PRESS CONFERENCE.

3. DING MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) QUESTION OF MIAS HAS NO CONNECTION WITH QUESTION OF
ADMISSION TO UN.

B) ARTICLES 8B AND 21 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE
DISCUSSED IN PARIS NOT IN NEW YORK. DING HAS NO AUTHORITY
TO DISCUSS MIAS.

C) UNITED STATES HAS NOT INFORMED VIETNAM WHEN IT IS READY
TO MEET IN PARIS.

D) VIETNAM SATISFIES ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP AND
ENJOYS STRONG SUPPORT OF ALL UN MEMBERS.

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E) PRESIDENT FORD'S USE OF TERMS "CALLOUS AND CRUEL"
ON SEPT 7 AND SECRETARY'S SEPT 11 PRESS CONFERENCE ANSWER
ARE UNACCEPTABLE.

F) SHERER HAD ASKED FOR "SOME PROGRESS" DURING AUG. 21 CON-
VERSATION. INFORMATION REGARDING TWELVE PILOTS IS PROGRESS
AND IS ALL INFO PRESENTLY AVAILABLE. THIS PROVES VIETNAM'S
GOOD WILL BUT FURTHER EFFORTS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION WILL
BE MADE.

G) REQUEST FOR "FULL ACCOUNTING" IS UNREASONABLE. NO
NATION AFTER A WAR HAS BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE A FULL ACCOUNTING.

H) THE UNITED STATES ATTITUDE WILL COMPEL VIETNAM "TO
MAKE A STRONG REACTION".

4. SHERER SAID THAT IN THE U.S. VIEW THE QUESTION OF MIAS
AND ADMISSION WERE VERY MUCH INTERRELATED. HE ALSO SAID THAT
RELEASE OF INFO ON 12 PILOTS WAS WELCOME, BUT 12 IN
RELATION TO HUNDREDS COULD HARDLY BE CONSIDERED REAL PROGRESS.

5. SHERER ASKED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF DING
SEEKING DEFERRAL. DING SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD ALMOST
CERTAINLY REJECT IT. HE SAID THAT LINKAGE OF MIAS AND ADMISSION
WAS COMPLETELY CONTRARY TO UN CHARTER AND THAT VIETNAM
WOULD "DENOUNCE SUCH AN ERRONEOUS ACTION". IF THE U.S.
DENIES VIETNAM ADMISSION SUCH ACTION WILL BE MORALLY INCORRECT.

6. DING CLOSED CONVERSATION BY ONCE AGAIN URGING THAT ALL FUTURE
DISCUSSION OF MIAS SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN PARIS.

7. DING DID NOT ASK IF WE INTEND TO VETO SRV MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION SO INSTRUCTION CONTAINED PARA 3 REFTEL C WAS
NOT COMMUNICATED.
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